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Gratuitous Motices.

ter by experience, can form an idea of the vast amount of work an editor is asked or expected to do for nothing. comes along: every institution connected with the public, especially if it professes to be of a benevolent character, no difference if its conductors are making ten times as much out of their enterprise as he is from his business. Business men, as a general rule expect a gotice thrown in with an advertisement.

lisher money. He pays out the cash many small ones scattered about everyor its equivalent in getting them before the public -- a fact that hardly seems to needs strict investigation, and, as far discovery some time since. It is now be appreciated by that public.

Now no editor objects to giving gratuitous notices of all public matters, where no money is to be made by parties interested in them, such as the building of churches, school houses, religious and other public meetings, and on the other. things of this kind. A local paper is supported, in part, for these things, and the publisher most cheerfully calls attention to them, and where necessary urges action. This is proper and right But private enterprises are another thing; or public enterprises in which parties are making money. Here there is a mutual affair. The editor gives publicity to the matter, that publicity is money out of it. It costs the publishmade an unjust exception.

Yet it is a notorious fact, which every ance and stupidity. editor in the country will attest, that the gratuitous work asked of an editor, if paid for at the rates which lawyers charge for services, would make all the and hope he will receive the hearty action of their own citizens. fraternity rich.

Editors are proverbially liberal in this matter. They seldom think of charg ing for marriage or death notices, or for any thing in which the public is interested aside from private speculation. All benevolent and religious notices are welcomed to a place in his columns. These are as much as should be required at his hands. Other no tices should be paid for.

We will say for the credit of this community, that we have found less of this disposition to ask something for nothing in the way of notices, than in State. any other with which we have been acquainted. Our people are generous; they eeem to regard these matters in their true light, as a general rule; some even feel a delicacy in bringing notices which we are glad to publish free-and so all such we say, bring in your notics -but etill, even here we are not un frequently asked to do work at hall price, or to publish editorial notices for nothing, which can only benefit the parties desiring publicity. And we dare say every editor in Kansas can say the same thing. This is not right. Live and let live. If publicity is worth anything, it is worth paying for. It is just to give and take, but not just to rake all and give nothing.

The Mails

Are sadly out-of-join'. Money is con stantly being lost, and other valuables entrusted to Uncle Sam's care. Very great irregularity, without any visible cause, exists. We have had no heavy anowe to blockade the roads; no guervilla depredations since Price's defent, to lestroy and delay trains; and yet there cord. is no certainty in the mails. What is she gratter? We have had valuable letters out a month and six weeks, and no response. Letters of the same date, so ut to the came points, and even to more distant ones, have been answered. Why this difference?

Sate, we believe. Such is the report because there is no possible contingency stroy Fort Caswell it is of no use to tate. at any rate, and we are told the drafts for a peace yet, unless Mr. Lincoln or them and we will get it after a little on the national treasury show that such Jeff. Davis backs down. We do not while. But you must not expect too an agent draws his salary regularly, entertain the belief that Mr. Lincoln much of us at once; these works are tre-But what does he do? So far as our will stultify himself and disappoint the surrender to the French experience goes, the mails are worse hopes of the country; and Davis says and English. The combined armies of instead of better since his arrival in he will not submit-never will. So those two nations were many months Kansas. We suggest that he throw up there is no rational prospect for peace, capturing that stronghold, and it won't and have some one appointed in his except in our armies. We can conquer compare either in size or strength to place, who can do something to remedy a peace; and we think this is the only the evile which render all transactions road to that end. through the grails to vegatious.

The irregularities and losses w are all the time occurring naturally lead people to throw suspicion on som one-an I the chances are, that an in nocent party is suspected of evil; some post-master is accused of taking unlawful liberties with the mails which pass through his hands. Distrust gets into the minds of the people, and they must find some one to blame, while confidence is lost in the whole matter. The result is, other modes of communication are sought for, and the post office No one not acquainted with the mat- department suffers; and many innocent parties are believed to be mail robbers.

These things ought not to be. Every post master's reputation is somewhat He must notice every new thing that involved in them; and the villainy of a single man, may cause suspicion to res pon a score or a hundred others.

We do no know where the blame we only know that the evils of which we speak exist-that the mails are irreguler, and are not unfrequently plundered. We have lost by them; and their tardiness is often more vexations than small losses. Evidently there is a huge Now all these notices cost the pub- screw loose somewhere, or a great where. In either case, the matter containing starch. We announced this as possible, correction.

> Uncle Sam should either become re sponsible for the acts of his post masters, or permit the people to select them At present the system is a just and machine, all on one sile a

Kansas News.

Mr. Eskridge, of the State Senate, has introduced resolutions into that body, earnestly requesting the Sec. of War to take such active measures against the cattle stealing from below as will insure the breaking up of that infamous trade. Right.

The legislature a ijourned last week, valuable to the parties; they make and took a ride on the railroad from Lawrence to Wyandotte and back. The er something to aid the others thus to citizens of Leavenworth voted \$500. increase their gains. Ought he to do it 000 bonds to build a railroad from that itary genius, and the public mind has for nothing? Certainly not. It is un- city to Kansas City on last Saturday. quieted down on the subject. reasonable to ask so much of him. In The legislature have passed resoluno other calling is such gratuitous work tions expunging the record against favorable to the cause of the liberals expected. If a lawyer gives counsel, Delahay. If this action did but put The imperialists have been defeated he is expected to charge for it. If a brains in the head of the Judge, or con- at several points-so the reports say. paid for it. Every other profession is ing, it would be of some account; but Catholic religion that of Mexico, as defenses in the rear of that city are not is less maither Mark somaine the same ignoramus he was before, and the

support of all loyal citizens.

The quota of Kansas under the last all chances for raids. call for troops is 1,222. If not raised The receipts from Internal Revenue a draft. This is not in accordance with the government, former statements and the Governor's message, but it is the latest and official.

The residence of Rev. II. P. Robin- right; let them prey upon each other son, Highland, Doniphan county, was recently destroyed by fire-the second disaster of the kind he has suffered down 84 to 51, Cox is a Vallandighamer, since he came to the State.

Owing to the Indian troubles, the coaches do not cross the plains, but stop to give up slavery, and say they will at the Cottonwood station

The Conservative defends Col. Chiv. ington for killing the Indiana presume the matter will be and the truth made known

Notwithstanding the cold weather the winter wheat generally looks well. There has been but little alternate freezing and thawing, which is always hard on wheat, especially when the ground is wet and spongy.

Pork is quoted in Leavenworth at \$10 to \$12 per hundred and the season over. Beel is \$4 per cwt. gross for good cattle, and the supply equal to the demand. Corn \$1 20 to \$1.30, and the market kept supplied. Potatoes 320 to 830 per ton. Wood 810 per folly !

News of the Week.

Rumors of all kinds are affeat, and but little reliable information from any tions about peace; at least we regard blockade runners. We have a special mail agent for this them as without any substantial basis.

Sherman appears to be active, and

this movements look towards Branch-Charleston. We trust the latter city wounded. will be captured, even if it is left a heap

It is rumored that the rebels have mines under Richmond, intending to than at first reported. All the adjacen blow the city up and leave it a heap of fortifications have been captured by our ruins, if they are compelled to evacuate forces, or blown up and abandond by

it. It is also said that all of the archieves not absolutely needed to run the priseners, 162 gurs, and large numbers

with some reason. John Bull fears Uncle Sam may grab him by the wool and shake his ugly pate if he don't behave himself better.

Quite a sensation has been caused in the east by the claim of the discovery of a new process of manufacturing gas. a better article is produced at less than half the cost of the old -so it is said.

It is now said to be a demonstrated made from corn and other substances people. said by the papers of Buffalo, that Frederick W. Goessling, a German chemist, who discovered the process, has received \$600,000 for his patent, from a company with a capital of \$1,000,000. who are going into the manufacture of molasses or syrup at once on an extensive scale.

New discoveries of oil-wells have been made in various places of late .-Some of the richest in the world are said to have been found in California.

The removal of B. F. Butler from the command of his Department was for a time condemned by the papers of the east; and serious disturbance was feared for a time as likely to grow out of the circumstance; but the recent capture of Fort Fisher after his failure there, demonstated the fact that he was not a mil-

The war in Mexico has recently been

Gov. Crawford seems to be getting Maryland, Missouri, Tennissee, Loualong well with his official duties. We islana and Arkansas have declared for wish him a prosperous administration, freedom, and are now free States by the are suffering greatly-both the army

Notice is to be given to Great Britain The President and Directors of the that the Canada reciprosity treaty will Pacific Railroad, E. D., have agreed to be terminated. The treaty prevents build the road from Leavenworth to our keeping forces on the border; and the absence of a force gives the rebels

by volunteering by the 15th of Februs are said to be two millions per day .ary, the deficiency will be made up by This will almost meet the expenses of

The Richmond papers are full of peace rumors-but they are only ru-Robberies still prevail throughout the more. They also complain of depredations by Wheeler's rebel cavalry. All

Sunset Cox introduced a peace resolution into the House, which was voted and his time will soon be up.

The leaders of the rebellion are ready become dependencies upon England or France rather than return to the Union. Very likely; for their necks will probaoly be stretched when they are conquered; but to go to some foreign power is not theirs to give, no more than the devil had the kingdoms of this world to barter away. These things, however, show the desperation to which they are County Attorney & Notary Public, reduced. A few more blows, and the Confederacy will be knocked into 'pi,'

Five blockade runners were recently captured, in one night, making their

The magazine explosion, which occurred after the capture of the Fort. was caused by our boys going into it scarce, owing to the cold weather. Hay with lighted pipes and eigars. What

Under date of the 16th, Admiral Porter reports as follows to the Secre tary of the Navy :

Sin: As I wrote you yesterday, we have all the forts. The army have captured 1,800 men and a large number source up to this date, (Wednesday.) of officers. Gunboats are now up the We have reports and fabulous specula- river, and Wilmington is scaled against

D. D. Porrage D. D. PORTER.

Rear Admiral.

Five Parrott guns bursted at the at tack of Fort Fisher on board our ves ville - the railroad connections - and sels, by which 45 men were killed and

The Latest.

Our victory at Fort Fisher is greater the enemy. We explured over 1,800

government machinery, have been sent away preparatory to the contingency of capture or expulsion by Grant.

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taken possession of Wilmington. The rebels say Sherman sent one corps of his army to aid our forces in the capture of Wilmington. Hardly probable. Sherman is moving.

An arrangement for a general exchange of prisoners is nearly complete The rebel papers are very despondent

and talk about impossibilities even with fact that sugar and molasses can be the most determined purpose of a brave

Rebel deserters continue to come into our lines in considerable numbers.

The rebel congress has passed a bill resting the office of commander-in chief of all the armies in rebeldom. It s the work of Lee's friends, and the bill may be vetoed by Jeff. Davis.

The rebel papers say Hood's army suffered terribly until they reached the wealthy districts where they found food and shelter. Hood is superceded by Dick Taylor.

It is thought Motile has been attacked before this, and is probably now in possession of our forces.

The American Hotel, Buffalo, consumed by fire on the 25th inst. adjacent building was blown up by or der of the Mayor of the city, in order to check the fire. The wind was blow ing hard, the mercury 8 degrees below zero, and it was feared the fire would spread. Loss \$500,000.

The Smithsonian Institute, Washing ton, was discovered on fire on the after noon of the 24th inst, Considerable damage done.

formidable and that there is but a small attempt will be made to add Central and force there-nearly all having been sent people are at the mercy of his ignor- part of South America to Maximilian's off to Branchville to meet Sherman's

Gold is 3,500 premium in Richmond The rebels in the Shenardoah valley and the citizens.

The peaches, and even the trees i some places, are killed in northern in diana and southern Michigan by the in tense cold of the weather this winter A house valued at \$50,000 has been

presented to Mrs. Gen. Grant in Philadelphia by the citizens thereof; also, a house worth \$10,000, and an investment of \$20,000 to the widow of Gen. Birney

The total Internal Revenue receipts fr m July 1st to Dec. 31st, were rising ninety-five and a half millions. The population of St. Joseph, Mo., as

just taken, is over 15,000, an increase of more than 5,000 in a year-transien The railroad bridge over the Missis

sippi at Clinton, Iowa, is finished and trains pass over.

£3-1f Mr. Truman Wilder, who removed to Kansas last spring or sum-mer, will send his P. O. address to J. N. Brokway, P. M., at Belvidere, Ill., he will learn something of much interest to himself and family. Kansas paper please copy.

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